



Community Bulletin

Kelly Air Force Base Conversion Agency

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Kelly Area Shallow Groundwater Well Abandonment Project

The Air Force Base Conversion Agency (AFBCA), in partnership with the San Antonio Water System (SAWS), and San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (SAMHD), will be contacting San Antonio property owners where shallow groundwater wells are located within the project area shown to the right. This initial phase of the project will address previously identified privately-owned wells that access the shallow groundwater and are within the project boundary.

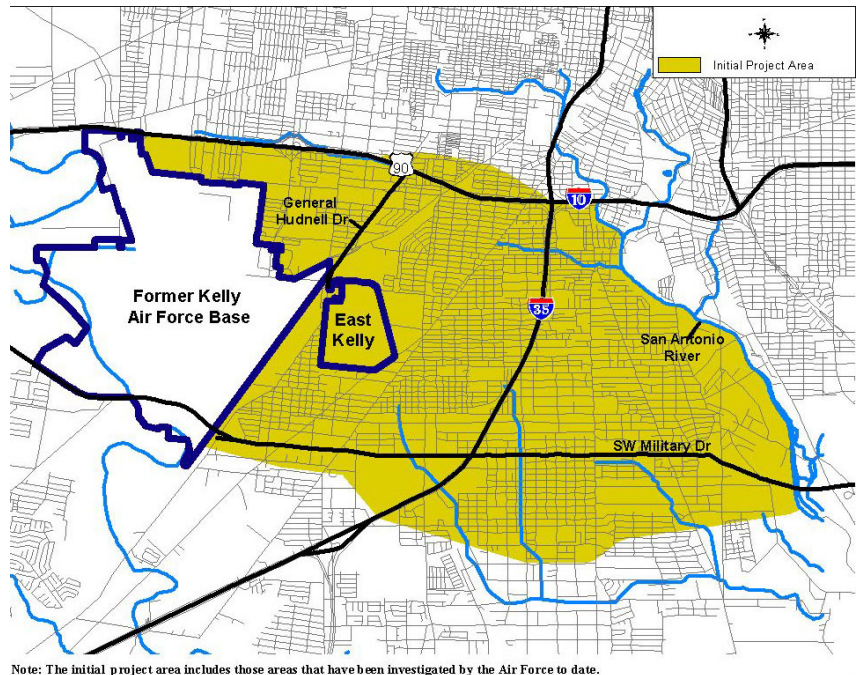
Subsequent phases of work will involve determining the status of remaining wells and any newly identified wells within the project boundary, followed by contacting landowners about possible plugging activities by the Air Force. Project bulletins will continue to be distributed to the community throughout the duration of the project.

Individual property owners are generally responsible for plugging abandoned wells in accordance with the applicable regulations. Where appropriate, AFBCA, at no cost to individual property owners, will assist SAWS and SAMHD to inspect and properly plug privately-owned abandoned shallow wells. This project on behalf of the property owners will reduce the risk of exposure and prevent additional contaminants from entering the shallow groundwater through the wells.

SAWS is responsible for all water well activities within the city limits and SAWS service areas. SAWS has been active in identifying and seeking the closure of abandoned wells. Individual property owners can assist in this process to verify the status of the well (in use, abandoned, plugged, etc.)

by allowing access to the property. Abandoned water wells in deteriorated condition pose a serious threat to water quality and safety. Any well that has not been used for a minimum of six consecutive months, is not connected to an active power source, or exists in a deteriorated condition is defined as an abandoned well and must be plugged.

Due to the quality of the water in the shallow aquifer, residents have been instructed not to drink water from these wells or use it for pets or for watering vegetables. SAMHD will provide assistance to the residents that use water from private shallow wells. Residents can contact SAMHD to schedule a well inspection and arrange to have their well tested, even if it has been tested before.



Contact Information

You can ask questions about this project in both English and Spanish through the AFBCA Public Information Line at 210-925-0956. In addition, you can contact:

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